

Hall on his well-earned retirement after 33 years of service to the Congress at the Congressional Budget Office. Ray began his Congressional career in CBO's Budget Analysis Division in 1987 where he worked as a principal analyst in the Defense, International Affairs and Veterans' Affairs, Cost Estimates Unit.

During his time at CBO, Ray was recognized as a knowledgeable and experienced analyst. As one of the longest tenured members of CBO's Budget Analysis Division, he has accrued extensive knowledge of the programs and accounts in his portfolio.

Ray earned the gratitude of his colleagues at CBO and of his counterparts on the staff of

the Committee on Armed Services. He established a solid working relationship with the Armed Services Committees, and for more than three decades was a valued contributor to CBO's work on the proposals for the annual National Defense Authorization Act. His technical feedback on legislative proposals made important contribution to the Armed Services Committees' success in achieving the timely enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act each year.

With his departure, Congressional Budget Office lost a great asset. Over the past 33 years, the Congressional Budget Office—and by extension, the Congress itself—has been fortunate to enjoy the effort Ray brought to his

work. I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Ray for his service to our nation and our very best wishes for a happy and productive retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 3.